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1. OUR POSITION HAS BEEN THAT THE SEABED TREATY HAS FORE-
CLOSED THE ONLY PRESENTLY FORESEEABLE ARMS RACE WITHIN THE
AREA OF THE SEABED TO WHICH IT APPLIES. WE HAVE NOT BEEN
AWARE OF ANY OTHER ACTIVITIES THAT IT WOULD BE SENSIBLE FOR
FURTHER SEABED MEASURES TO RESTRICT, PARTICULARLY SINCE
THERE ARE NO CONVENTIONAL MILITARY USES OF THE SEABED THAT
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WOULD EITHER THREATEN THE TERRITORIES OF STATES OR CONSTI-

TUTE AN "ARMS RACE". THEREFORE, IN ABSENCE OF INDICATIONS OF WHAT TYPE OF FURTHER MEASURES MIGHT BE PROPOSED WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO CONSIDER IN ABSTRACT WHAT PARTICULAR IMPLICATIONS MIGHT BE FOR ASW.

2. HOWEVER, IF NETHERLANDS CONTINUES TO DESIRE INCLUDE ASW ITEM, WE COULD BE PREPARED FOR LOW KEY DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR NATO SECURITY OF SEABED MEASURES WHICH COULD HAVE EFFECT ON ASW.

3. WE DO NOT FAVOR A SACLANT OR OTHER BRIEFING ON ASW AS NOTHING COULD BE ADDED TO BRIEFING CITED PARA 5 REFTEL.

4. (FYI: PART OF OUR RELUCTANCE DISCUSS ITEM BASED ON SENSITIVITY OF ASW DEVICES. WE DO NOT WISH DISCUSS THESE CAPABILITIES. BRIEFING CITED REFTEL WAS BASED ON UNCLASSIFIED SOURCES.) BROWN

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